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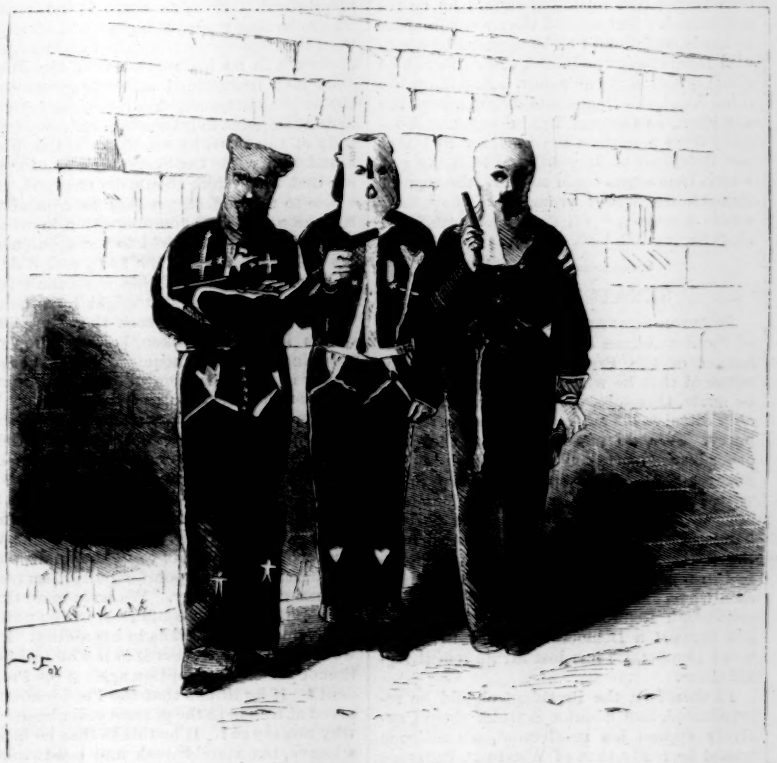
THE KU-KLUX.

WE give on this page an illustration, engraved from a photograph from life, showing three members of a band of Mississippi Ku-Klux, who are now under indictment in that State for the attempted murder of a family by the name of HUNICUTT. These men were captured last September in Tishamingo County, Mississippi, by G. W. WELLS, United States Attorney for the Northern District of that State, assisted by United States Marshal J. H. PIERCE, and his deputy, JOHN M'COY. The illustration is doubly interesting as showing the disguises actually worn by these miscreants. They are not, however, always so elaborate in their brigand toilet. A white blanket or sheet thrown over the head, with holes for the eyes, is usually sufficient.

It is gratifying to know that the government is putting forth efficient exertions to bring to justice these miscreants in every part of the South troubled by their presence. While there is evidence that the better portion of the Southern people discountenance the outrages committed by the Ku-Klux bands, it is no less evident that nothing short of the most energetic and summary measures on the part of the general government can bring them to an end, and give protection to peaceful citizens, black and white. The outrages committed in Kentucky, Mississippi, and the Carolinas by these brigands are too notorious for denial. In the recent trials at Columbia, South Carolina, one of the counsel for the prisoners, the Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, felt compelled by the evidence to use this extraordinary language toward his own clients:

"Neither my distinguished friend Mr. STANBERY nor myself are here to defend, or justify, or palliate any outrages that may have been perpetrated in your State by the association of Ku-Klux. *I have listened with horror to some of the testimony which has been brought before you. The outrages proved have been shocking to humanity; they admit neither of justification nor excuse; they violate every obligation which law and nature impose upon men.* These men appear to have been alike insensible to the obligations of humanity and religion; but the day will come, however, if it has not already arrived, when they will deeply lament it. Even if justice should not overtake them, there is another tribunal from which there is no escape. It is their own conscience, that tribunal which sits in the breast of every living man, that still small voice that thrills through the heart, and as it speaks gives happiness or torture—the voice of conscience—the voice of God."



MISSISSIPPI KU-KLUX IN THE DISGUISES IN WHICH THEY WERE CAPTURED.
[FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.]

Had this language come from the lips of a "Federal judge" or a "military satrap," it might have been characterized as exaggerated, or suspected of violent partisanship; but forced by irresistible evidence from the lips of the prisoners' own counsel, it must be accepted as conclusive testimony to the truth of the charges against these lawless disturbers of the South.

Recent intelligence from Kentucky shows that the government can not be too prompt and energetic in its measures of protection. On the night of the 2d inst. a band of twenty Ku-Klux made a raid upon some negroes near Frankfort, in that State, whipping one of them and ordering the others to leave the neighborhood on pain of death. One farmer was warned to employ none but white laborers. It is the declared purpose of these outlaws to drive the negroes from the county. But the day is past when such threats can be carried out. These outlaws will speedily be taught that the government will protect peaceable citizens in the full enjoyment of their rights, life, and property, if it takes the whole military power of the nation to do it.

WOOD-SELLERS IN RICHMOND.

MR. SHEPPARD'S characteristic sketches in the Richmond markets will remind the traveled reader of almost similar scenes in European cities, especially those of Italy, where the smaller industries have not yet been superseded by organized capital. There is something quaint and primitive in these figures. They give Northern eyes a glimpse of quite a different life from the bustling, busy existence which we are accus-

WOOD-SELLERS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.—[DRAWN BY W. L. SHEPPARD.]